

Appl. No.: 10/780,764

**Remarks**

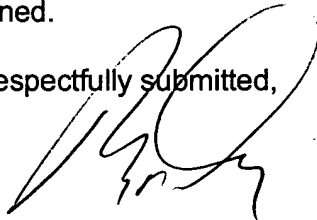
Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. By this response, claims 17 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required that the Applicant elect one of the claim groups under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1 through 16. Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Dowell & Dowell Deposit Account No., 04-1577 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,



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